

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, M. George Thompson was born May 19, 1935, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Dr. M. C. and Illa Thompson, one of four children; and,

Whereas, George graduated from Watertown High School, attended the University of Sioux Falls and completed his pre-medical studies with a degree in chemistry from South Dakota State University; and,

Whereas, George continued his medical pursuits at Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy, completed his medical internship in St. Louis, Missouri, and established his first medical practice in Inwood, Iowa; and,

Whereas, George married Judy Assam and together they moved to Lake Andes, and then to Gregory where he practiced medicine until 1976, and 1984, respectively, and then moved to Watertown to assume his father's family practice until George retired in 2001; and,

Whereas, Dr. George Thompson was well respected in the medical community, serving as president of the South Dakota State Medical Association, and serving through five gubernatorial terms on the South Dakota State Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners since 1985, due to his leadership abilities in licensing state doctors; and,

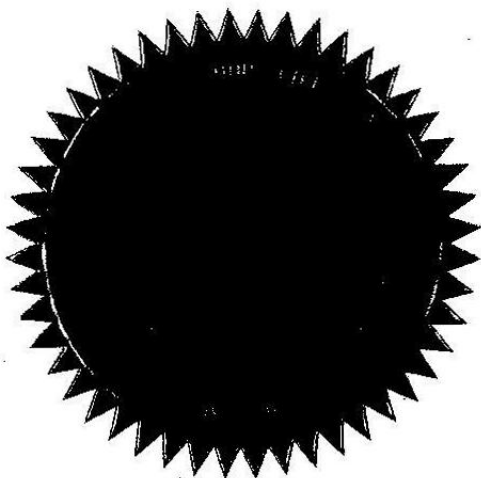
Whereas, Dr. Thompson served the communities where he lived well through participation in numerous other organizations and activities, and his love for the great outdoors through hunting, fishing, and golfing, and his enjoyment of cooking and fine dining created friendships everywhere he ventured; and,

Whereas, On August 3, 2003, this great state lost a wonderful citizen, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many through the passing on of Dr. M. George Thompson:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 3, 2003, as

DR. M. GEORGE THOMPSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State